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I would like to make two suggestions on inappropriate wording that has been carried into the 4th Staff Draft of the Delta Plan: (1) erroneously identifying the Delta as the source of water for users south of the Delta and (2) characterizing water sent south of the Delta as "Delta export" water.

1. Three places in the draft identify the Delta as the source of water flowing south, which of course it is not. The Delta is simply the conveyance or conduit that facilitates the transfer of water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin River hydrologic regions. Recommend the following changes:

Page 57, Line 5: Although ~~the Delta~~ exports through the Delta are important, they are not the dominant ~~source~~ component of California's water supply.

Page 58, Line 24 thru Page 59, Line 2: include surface water diversions, local reservoirs, and groundwater, with ~~Delta water~~ exports through the Delta serving as an important supplemental ~~source of~~ supply. However, many local areas receive a predominant amount of their supply ~~from~~ through the Delta and will continue to need this ~~source of~~ water in the future.

2. Many, many locations throughout the draft identify water sent south as "Delta . . . exports," "water . . . exported from the Delta," "Delta export water," "export water from the Delta," and other variations of such wording (which can be found through a search for "export" in the document). The problem with the current wording is the erroneous implication that the Delta is the source of the water moving south. It is not. The Sacramento and San Joaquin hydrologic regions are. The Delta is simply conveying water "exported" from other sources.

Preferred and more accurate wording would be as suggested under Comments 1, above: "exports through the Delta," or some variation of that theme.

The water management problem associated with Delta flows is not simply how the Delta should share water with areas south of it. The problem is how the Delta and areas south of it should share whatever is the sustainable water output from the Sacramento and San Joaquin hydrologic regions, the actual sources and exporters.

Sincerely,

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